Import of Garbage from U.S. for generating Power

@488. SHRI SOM PAL :

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report "Power Project to turn Cochin into US garbage dump" published in the Indian Express of April 8, 1993;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) what are the factors responsible for import of the garbage from US by Government instead of using our own urban waste;

(d) whether there is any similar plan to utilise our own waste;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Government is aware of the newspaper report. The Government has neither received any proposal on the subject from the Government of Kerala nor it is under consideraton. The economic viability and feasibility as well as rationals of import of garbage for generation of power do not seem prima facie acceptable or advantageous.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) to (f) Extensive R&D work has been carried out to develop suitable indigenous technologies and practice packages for energy recovery from wastes either through microbial or thermal/thermo chemical routes. Technologies/packages have been developed at pilot plant scale for conversion of waste material like agro waste, kitchen waste, non-edible deoiled cakes, sugarcane pressmud, dairy waste, willow dust, distillery waste, hospital waste, municipal sewage urban waste, tannery waste etc. through biomethenation route. Pilot plants of capacities varying from 10 cu. m. to 50 cu. m. capacity have been installed at different locations in the couuntry. Efforts have been initiated to scale up these pilot plants further in association with respective user groups.

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संघ लोक सेवा आयोग में पाली और विदेशी भाषाओं का विकल्प चुनने वाले उम्मीदवार

490. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ शीम अफजल : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बत पांच वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष वार संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की परीक्षाओं में रूसी, अरबी, जर्मन, फ्रैंच, पाली, चीनी और पारसी भाषा का विकल्प चुनने वाले कुल कितने उम्मीदवार थे; और

(ख) इनमें से प्रति वर्ष परीक्षाओं में कितने-कितने उम्मीदवार सफल हुए ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) और (ख) सूचना विवरण में दी गई है।

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